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respect for the dead and the mourners by calling at the home or sitting up with them a service in many cases must be dispensed with. It is greater expressions of genuine care could be demonstrated if the members would visit the sick and administer to the real wants in many cases lodge members have to be fined for not sitting up with the sick, but when they are with the sick and their loved ones, they can give the consolation and praise. We are disposed to want the outside show. Just in this connection I want to quote the words of the master. Matt. 8:22 we read, "let the dead bury their dead" it requires no strain at Biblical interpretation to make out of this the conclusion that the souls of men are of so much greater value than the body that He tells his disciples to go on with the message to the living, there will always be enough to bury the dead. Let those who can attend the funeral of their brother or sister in declining health, do so. There are many other respects other ways. That is not the deep regard and affection we have for the dead that prompts the fight for the constitution of this sacrilegious practice seems self evident, after the long ceremonies and gorgeous display of the dead, the whole thing is washed when they follow him in a long train of cars, some times more than a half of mile long and led by a brass band, he is laid to rest in a desolate waste covered with weeds and grass higher than ones head and left there never to be thought of again. I venture the assertion that we can not have the bodies of the graves of a half dozen of their members that have been dead from two to five years. Let us look the matter squarely in the face and it appalling defects can be seen- go out to the cemetery if you question the truth of what I say. How much more we can have had the local lodges that called meetings to make appropriations to fight the ministry and undertakers for making an effort to abolish Sunday funeral-money that has been entrusted to them by us for the protection of members and advancement of the race. We ought the churches and undertakers, think all will agree with me that the surplus money would create greater respect for the race to spend it in fighting those weeds and grass, and in filling in and marking the graves of the departed brothers and sisters. I will not be able to read this article in the spirit in which it is written without the slightest degree of ill feeling and with deep concern for the best interest of the race for whom I have toiled for many years. Many states have passed laws against Sunday funeral services and in some of our cities have abolished them. Shall we throw ourselves across the road to progress, until we are forced by legal enactment to get out, or will we eat of reverence, for God's sake Sabbath and the best interest of the race and community arise and stop it.

the first place, it is a direct violation of the fourth paragraph of the Ten Commandments which says thus: "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, and sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day." "The prevailing custom of the lodges in collecting the bodies of those that pass away during the week is none other than a direct violation of the sanctity of the Sabbath. We have known cases where the person who died was buried at one week and held to the next Sunday afternoon for a big display. The Sunday funeral forces grave diggers to work; it gives the undertakers the hardest days of the whole week; it keeps the grave yards full of the dead, and it has not at all day and there is no escape from the charge of violation of the fourth commandment. I call that during the times when we used the horse in funerals two horses were killed in one day in an effort on the part of the undertaker to bury the dead. The funeral that I had been held for Sunday. The fact by his personal example emphasized the use of the Sabbath day worship. It was his custom to say he found in the Synagogue that day. The practice of which I have spoken is a direct violation of the number of persons that attend church who really desire to do so. The funeral is to take place at 1 o'clock, the lodge members must be at the hall by 12 or not later than 12:30, hence he cannot attend the funeral service. They reach the hall at 12:30, and the minister reads a dozen resolutions are read, and the pastor has his say it is necessary to rush to get the body to the ground before it is too dark to read the ceremonies. We protest the solemnity of the occasion and the minister reads the resolutions if you please. The minister forces to rush through his morning service to make ready for the funeral and is kept sitting for three or four hours through the long service, he must rush to the cemetery and return to get a horse and buggy, while the members who have been all day in the funeral must go home at night and rest to be in any condition for work next day. Some who force themselves to go

NEWS BRIEFS.

It is not a violation of the Sabbath day to have funerals on that day. The Jews did not permit their holy women left us an example for the crucifixion they went home and rested on the Sabbath day and returned early on the first day of the week to anoint the body of our deceased Lord. It is urged in justification of the Sabbath funeral that many of the members of the lodge cannot get off on any other day. We are to see why it is considered essential to have a funeral on the Sabbath.

(BY A. N. C.)

New York City, N. Y., Sept. 28.—In recent times the "New World," a southern white woman complains: "Four years ago when I came to live in New York I had no idea of feeling as I do now in the South. Once is a long time to the South a very old person who experienced some of the cruelties of the South can be heard to express himself or herself, when one of the younger generation is present, as follows: "That is over and better forgotten."

New Bedford, Mass., Sept. 22.—News of the death of the late Rev. Porter

For every member of the lodge attend every funeral: It is always the case that many of the members are their own time, while others work for those who will allow them to go when there is a funeral to be present and let those who cannot attend show his love and

Phillips, 22 years old, of 72 school street, a Colored cook on the steamer-ship New Hampshire of the New England Steamship Company, was held in \$2,000 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury when he was arraigned before United States Commissioner S. M. Hitchcock on a charge of having robbed Miss B. H. Rhoden, a nurse.

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